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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP MISSING PARTS
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	
PRODUCING FORKED ROOTS OF)	
TURBINE BLADES)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby submits the European Search Report dated November 27, 2004, which lists the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

US 5,676,505 (GAUSS, Roland et al.)

DE 199 42 542 (MANNESMANN, Sachs AG)

US 5,931,616 (DAUB, Juergen)

Patent Nos. US 5,676,505 and DE 199 42 542 were also noted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 23, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, however, a copy of the listed U.S. patent is not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003.

The document is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since document is being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) no fee or statement is required.

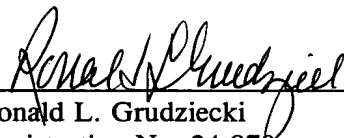
To assist the Examiner, the document is listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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